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1. During a convention of the Central Women's Committee in Berlin, 7-8 December 1946, it was unanimously decided to elect a Preparatory Committee for the purpose of establishing a "Demokratischer Frauenbund Deutschlands" (Democratic Women's League of Germany). This convention was also attended by delegates of the Communist Party from the western zones. The Preparatory Committee has jurisdiction over the Russian Zone only.
2. The Preparatory Committee, consisting of 75 members from the Russian Zone and delegates from Berlin, has allegedly been working independent of the Central Women's Committee. However, a remark made during a recent meeting by Frau Kloss, an SED member and judge at the Labor Court, casts doubt on this allegation; Frau Kloss said: "We must pretend, at the present time, to be a separate organization (eigene Sache)." The office of this committee is located in the same office as the Central Women's Committee, Unter den Linden 67, Berlin W.8.
3. The statutes and other literature concerning the proposed Frauenbund have been submitted by the Preparatory Committee to the Allied Control Council; as soon as they have been approved, similar Preparatory Committees will be set up in each borough of Berlin. Up to now, the proposed Frauenbund has aroused very little interest among the women of Berlin. It is, however, hoped that it will be possible to get women from outside the SED into the Preparatory Committee, especially women from representative professions, such as physicians, lawyers, etc.
4. The initial costs for promotion of the Frauenbund will be borne by the SED, while current expenses will be covered by membership fees of 25 RM per person. The establishment of the Frauenbund within Berlin was to be carried through by the Central Women's Committee, which cooperated closely with the SED. The official policy was not to discuss politics, but to direct all efforts toward solving social questions. The chairmanship was held alternately by the different parties, although the SED members were in the majority.

**Comment:** The Women's Committee was recently dissolved by the City Magistrate. However, Frau Dahlem, SED, intimated that the Women's Committee would, no doubt, continue to function under another name.

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5. On 2 March 1947 an open women's rally will be held in the Admiralspalast in Berlin. The German Women's Congress will be held in Berlin 7-9 March and will represent the inaugural meeting of the Democratic Women's League of Germany. Many participants are expected; in Zehlendorf alone, 200 beds for out of town delegates are being sought. Invitations have been sent out by the SED to women in the western zones, and it is expected that some of them will attend. However, those who attend will be exclusively members of the Communist Party. Admittance to functions is by invitation only; 1,995 invitations have already been sent out, and 50 cards have been reserved for Allied guests.

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The LDP is the only party, aside from the SED, which has declared its willingness to work with the Frauenbund. Part of the program of the German Women's Congress will be broadcast by Radio Berlin and it will close with a public mass meeting in the Admiralspalast on 9 March.

6. [redacted] the main aims of the Frauenbund are to achieve an understanding among all anti-fascist, democratic German women, without respect to political views, religion or social position; to prevent the splitting up of the German Women's Movement; to work for a lasting peace and for a united, democratic German republic; to combat all fascist and militaristic tendencies; to help in the reconstruction of Germany and to alleviate present suffering; to promote social and cultural development and to fight for women's equality in political and cultural fields, and to regain the confidence of progressive women's organizations outside Germany.

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7. The mail address of the Democratic Women's League of Germany is "Demokratischer Frauenbund Deutschlands, Stadtverband Berlin E.V., Berlin W.15, Schlüterstrasse 45 (Telephone: 91.01.25). Frau Christine Höppner-Grossmann, Kulturbund (no party affiliations), and Frau Vogtländer, Editor, are authorized to receive mail.

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